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'Cash-for-clunkers' help is available on Net

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Consumers looking to take advantage of the "cash-for-clunkers" car-buying incentive program can get help from a couple of online sources.

Under the federal program scheduled to start later this month, consumers can trade in an older motor vehicle and receive a voucher good for up to \$4,500 toward the purchase of a new, more fuel-efficient auto.

Consumers can do research on old and new vehicles that are eligible under the program at www.cashforclunkersinformation.org. Irvine-based Kelley Blue Book also offers an online calculator at www.kbb.com/cashforclunkers.

Consumers do not have to sign up to participate in the program. Participating new-car dealers will apply credits reducing vehicle prices at the time of purchase or lease.

The program runs through Nov. 1, or until funds are exhausted.

- Mark Glover

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